

## **FISCAL NOTE**

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 27, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1662 - HB 1661**

This bill, if enacted, will create the Title VI Compliance Authority to serve as the principal entity which enforces the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 upon state government.

The authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of 11 members. The Governor shall appoint nine citizen members and two members appointed by the appropriate speaker. Each of the nine citizen members shall be appointed to a term of six years. A quorum shall consist of six members. Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The authority shall be empowered to establish and maintain a central office; meet and exercise powers throughout the state; employ an executive director, attorneys, investigators, clerks and other employees as necessary.

The authority will, among other things, report annually to the general assembly on activities, findings and recommendations, review current Title VI monitoring and enforcement procedures; define and establish components, guidelines and objectives of a comprehensive state

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policy; identify any Tennessee laws, rules, programs, services and budgetary priorities that conflict with the components, guidelines, and objectives of such comprehensive policy; conduct research, hold public meetings, publish reports, and engage in other activities to inform Tennesseans of the provisions and requirements of Title VI.

Funding for the Title VI Compliance Authority shall be annually appropriated from that portion of the state's federal grant assistance which is available to defray the state's administrative expenses.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures. A reasonable estimate of the increased expenditures cannot reasonably be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director